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In a method for quantitating an analyte by measuring time resolved transfer of fluorescence energy to or from a label quantitatively associated with the analyte, the present invention provides an improvement comprising measuring the energy transferred from donor compounds having the ability to absorb light energy and then transfer this energy to cross-linked allophycocyanin in a time-resolved manner, where the cross-linked allophycocyanin used according to this invention has not been exposed to strongly chaotropic agents after cross-linking. The donor compounds may have at least two distinct donor species and the distinct donor species may have different fluorescence lifetimes. The distinct donor species may absorb at the same wavelength. In another embodiment the distinct donor species may have different absorption spectrum. In another embodiment, the distinct donor species forming donor/acceptor pair may have the same lifetime and color but being distinguishable by fluorescent intensity.

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Using the optimized src kinase assay conditions determined above, a comparison of the inhibition of src tyrosine kinase by two different inhibitors, staurosporine and PP-1, was performed using the Europium chelate/SA:SL-APC pair in TR-FRET (~~Fig. 6~~) (Fig. 5). The measured IC₅₀ was 7.2 and 192.0 nM for staurosporine and PP-1, respectively. These values matched well with prior experiments as well as with the literature.